GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PARTICIPATION IN ASIAN GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the sports events in which India is likely to participate during the coming Asian Games;

(b) the programmes made by the Government to prepare for the said games; (

(c) whether coaches from foreign countries have been invited for coaching; and

(d) if so, the expenditure being incurred on the preparation of players and the period for which the coaching programmes are likely to be continued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) As per present estimates, the Indian Contingent is likely to participate in about 19-20 disciplines. However, a final decision on disciplines will be taken after an assessment of the performance of Indian sports persons in the Commonwealth Games and in consultation with concerned National Federations. Qualifying standards attained by the sports persons will also be taken into consideration.

(b) The preparation for next Asian Games includes preparation for the Commonwealth Games. These preparations are part of a Long Term Development Plan. Accordingly, action plan to prepare Indian Contingents for Asian Games has already been finalized in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations for most of the disciplines. The probables are being given specialized coaching at different centers under the guidance of Indian and foreign coaches/experts with required sports equipments and scientific inputs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The coaching programme for Asian Games would continue till September, 2002 and likely expenditure on preparation of Indian Teams would be around Rs.25 crores during this year till the Asian Games.